



Gov. McCrory Appoints Nick Tennyson Secretary of Transportation



**Nick Tennyson is sworn in as
Secretary of Transportation**

In early August, Governor Pat McCrory announced the appointment of Nick Tennyson as the new Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Tennyson previously served as Chief Deputy Secretary since March 2013, and succeeds Tony Tata.

"Nick Tennyson is the perfect choice to continue the momentum we have made in North Carolina's transportation strategy," said Governor McCrory. "He has been involved in planning all of our key transportation strategies over the last two and half years, and is equipped to hit the ground running to continue our progress."

Secretary Tennyson and the NCDOT team will continue to focus on expanding and safely maintaining our transportation network through the Governor's 25 Year Vision, support new funding strategies including the bonds to Connect NC, strengthen our ports to make our state more globally competitive and deliver other infrastructure projects to help grow the state's economy and create jobs. [Learn More](#)

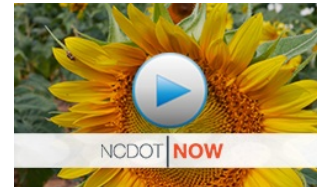
Fresh Pavement Ahead

The N.C. Department of Transportation has awarded contracts for milling, resurfacing, and rebuilding shoulders along 217 miles of roadway in Western North Carolina.



**Part of N.C. 694 in Asheville is
among 217 miles of pavement
contracted for resurfacing**

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The improvements will happen on roads in each of the seven counties that make up NCDOT's 13th Division, including:

- Buncombe County: U.S. 19 Business and U.S. 25/70 in Weaverville, N.C. 63/Leicester Highway and N.C. 694/Town Mountain Road in Asheville
- Burke County: U.S. 64 in Morganton, U.S. 70 in Hildebran
- Madison County: N.C. 63 near Luck, N.C. 209 near Hot Springs
- McDowell County: U.S. 221 in Marion
- Mitchell County: N.C. 80 near Bakersville
- Rutherford County: U.S. 221A near Henrietta
- Yancey County: U.S. 19 and N.C. 197 near Burnsville

The contracts also include work on 164 stretches of secondary roads. The final completion date for the projects is October 15, 2016.

These highway improvements are among 25 road and bridge projects recently awarded by the Department of Transportation. The statewide projects are worth a total of \$76.1 million, which is \$4.3 million below NCDOT engineers' estimated costs.

Division 13 Board

Member: David Brown

David Brown is founder and principal of DLB Properties, a real estate investment and development firm in Asheville.

The University of South Carolina graduate has served on numerous boards and commissions, including the Council of Independent Business Owners and the Asheville Civic Center Commission. Brown has also served on the N.C. Board of Transportation under Governor Martin.



David Brown

"I am honored to represent the residents of Division 13 on the Board of Transportation," says Brown. "I'm excited about the opportunities ahead for improving connectivity in western North Carolina via all modes of transportation."

Brown and his wife Cecelia have two children and four grandchildren.



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